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### AMENDMENT IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original):

A fixed drill bit for use with a well completion string for drilling while casing,  
comprising:

a bit body having an outer surface, said bit body defining a longitudinal bore,  
wherein the longitudinal bore includes a thread start taper shoulder at a proximal end  
thereof and integrated female threads;

a cutting face on the outer surface of said bit body;

said bit body having at least one nozzle formed through a distal end thereof that is  
in fluid communication with the longitudinal bore;

at least one cutting blade extending from said cutting face; and

at least one cutter insert; said at least one cutting blade adapted to receive said at  
least one cutting insert.

Claim 2 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 1, wherein said at least one cutter insert is selected from the  
group consisting of ~~Polycrystalline Diamond Cutting~~ polycrystalline diamond cutting  
~~insert, Tungsten Carbide~~ tungsten carbide insert, ~~Synthetic Diamond Impregnated~~  
~~Sintered Carbide Disk~~ synthetic diamond impregnated sintered carbide disk insert and  
~~Tungsten Carbide~~ tungsten carbide post-type ~~Polycrystalline Diamond~~ polycrystalline  
diamond cutting insert.

Claim 3 (original):

The fixed drill bit of claim 1, wherein the bit body is of a material that is not readily  
drillable.

Claim 4 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 1, wherein said at least one cutter insert is attached to said at  
least ~~1~~ one cutting blade and is positioned thereto so as to provide minimal coverage.

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Claim 5 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 1, wherein each of said at least 4 one cutting blade is hardened.

Claim 6 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 1, wherein said at least 4 one cutting blade is hardened using external hardface deposition.

Claim 7 (currently amended):

The fix drill bit of claim 1, wherein said at least 4 one cutting blade includes a gauge pad formed integrally therewith.

Claim 8 (currently amended):

A fixed drill bit for use with a well completion string for drilling while casing comprising:

- a bit body having an outer surface, said bit body defining a longitudinal bore, wherein the longitudinal bore includes a thread start taper shoulder at a proximal end thereof and integrated female threads;

- a cutting face on the outer surface of said bit body;

- at least 3 three cutting blades positioned radially around said cutting face and extending therefrom;

- at least one cutter insert attached to each of said at least 3 three cutting blades; and

- said bit body having at least one nozzle formed through a distal end thereof that is in fluid communication with the longitudinal bore.

Claim 9 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 8, wherein said at least one cutter insert is selected from the group consisting of ~~Polycrystalline Diamond Cutting~~ polycrystalline diamond cutting

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insert, ~~Tungsten Carbide~~ tungsten carbide insert, ~~Synthetic Diamond Impregnated Sintered Carbide Disk~~ synthetic diamond impregnated sintered carbide disk insert and ~~Tungsten Carbide~~ tungsten carbide post-type ~~Polycrystalline Diamond~~ polycrystalline diamond cutting insert.

Claim 10 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 8, wherein said at least 3 three cutting blades are positioned off symmetry radially around said cutting face.

Claim 11 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 8, wherein said at least one cutter insert is attached to each of said at least 3 three cutting blades is positioned thereto so as to provide minimal coverage.

Claim 12 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 8, wherein each of said at least 3 three cutting blades are hardened.

Claim 13 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 12, wherein each of said at least 3 three cutting blades are hardened using external hardface deposition.

Claim 14 (original):

The fixed drill bit of claim 8, wherein said bit body is of a material that is not readily drillable.

Claim 15 (currently amended):

The fix drill bit of claim 8, wherein each of said at least 3 three cutting blades includes a gauge pad formed integrally therewith.

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Claim 16 (original):

A fixed drill bit for use with a well completion string for drilling while casing comprising:

- a bit body having an outer surface, said bit body defining a longitudinal bore, wherein the longitudinal bore includes a thread start taper shoulder at a proximal end thereof and integrated female threads;

- a cutting face on the outer surface of said bit body;

- said bit body having at least one nozzle formed through a distal end thereof that is in fluid communication with the longitudinal bore; and

- at least one cutting blade extending from said cutting face, said cutting blade having a sculptured cutting edge.

Claim 17 (original):

The fixed drill bit of claim 16, wherein said bit body is of a material that is not readily drillable.

Claim 18 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 16, wherein the sculptured cutting edge of said at least ~~+~~ one cutting blade is of a pattern so as to provide minimal coverage.

Claim 19 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 16, wherein the sculptured cutting edge of said at least ~~+~~ one cutting blade includes a longitudinal slot.

Claim 20 (original):

The fixed drill bit of claim 16, wherein said bit body and said at least one cutting blade is hardened.

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Claim 21 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 16, wherein said at least 1 one cutting blade includes a gauge pad formed integrally therewith.

Claim 22 (currently amended):

A fixed drill bit for use with well a completion string for drilling while casing comprising:

- a bit body having an outer surface, said bit body defining a longitudinal bore, wherein the longitudinal bore includes a thread start taper shoulder at a proximal end thereof and integrated female threads;

- a cutting face on the outer surface of said bit body;

- said bit body having at least one nozzle formed through a distal end thereof that is in fluid communication with the longitudinal bore; and

- at least 3 three cutting blades positioned radially around said cutting face and extending therefrom, said at least 3 three cutting blades having a sculptured cutting edge.

Claim 23 (original):

The fixed drill bit of claim 22, wherein said bit body is of a material that is not readily drillable.

Claim 24 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 22, wherein the sculptured cutting edges of said at least 3 three cutting blades are of a pattern so as to provide minimal coverage.

Claim 25 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 22, wherein the sculptured cutting edge of each of said at least 3 three cutting blades includes a longitudinal slot.

Claim 26 (currently amended):

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The fixed drill bit of claim 22, wherein said bit body and said at least ~~3~~ three cutting blades are hardened.

Claim 27 (currently amended):

The fixed drill bit of claim 22, wherein each of said at least ~~3~~ three cutting blades includes a gauge pad formed integrally therewith.

Claim 28 (canceled):